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A man approached a little league baseball game one afternoon. He asked a boy in the dugout what the score was. The boy responded "18 to nothing - we're behind." "Boy" said the spectator, "I bet you are discouraged." "Why should I be discouraged?" replies the little boy. "We haven't even gotten up to bat yet!" Even though things seemed hopeless, the boy remained hopeful! Hopefulness is a possible reaction to hopelessness! G.K. Chesterton said... But the strength of that hope lies in its object. A hopeful realm, a hopeful Dr. a hopeful Job & opportunity. But

I. Be Direct in Approaching The Healer

Behold! Look, some one barreling through crowd. Everyone knew Tairus! He was the ruler of Synagogue! What he commands? ^(vs 32)

A. He Came in a Demeaning Posture

Tairus, as a ruler of the synagogue had a high standing in the community. He was probably well off. More than likely his previous opinion of Jesus would be one of disdain and disregard but, no matter your wealth or community standing, a life and death trial, a hopeless situation can bring the most self-willed to their knees. He humbled himself before Christ. Carefully watch

B. He came with a Desperate Plea (v33-35)

My little daughter! My child is ill.
God knows how to humble us and bring
us to him. This sensual area of life
causes him to break down walls of
suspicion and doubt and run, despatch
to Jesus as a source of hope! I am
reminded of the saying, "Get any river
you think are uncrossable, any hills
God specifies! Run to him! Bring your ^{plea} to him." (v33-35)

II. Be Disregarding the Apparent Helplessness

v34. Despite what maybe Jairus had said in
past, the Lord Jesus would not turn away the
desperate plea! He obliged! lead the way. But see
(v35-37)

A. There Was An Unexpected Delay

Can you see the frantic look on Jesus
face. Clear the way! Then all of a sudden
Jesus stops! "Who touched me?" No, No, Jesus
please! Don't you realize this is life and death?
I was driving down Broadstreet and an Ambulance
was coming barrelling down the road. I was able
to get out of way. Others didn't. Horns! Hurry
more. But remember who you are trusting on. He
does not work on our time table but his.

B. There Was An Untimely Death (v35)

Then the news came. Your too late! There
is no use! It was a great trip, it's all over now.
But remember whose hand you're holding. You
got her a hold of the peace speaker, the deacon

- 1) G K Chesterton : Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.
- 2) But you and I know that the hopes of this world are but mere possibilities at best. The only sure hope is in an all powerful, miracle working God! That is exactly what Jesus is proving himself to be in the past 3 miracles of Ch 4 & 5. He has power over danger (troubled sea) He has power over demons (Demoniac of Gadara) He has power over disease (woman with the issue of blood) and tonight he has power over death it's self! Our application is that Every Christian can trust that Jesus can recover the most hopeless of cases by following the four instructions we find in this text. Notice first that we should...

1) **Don't forget, when hope is all gone Help is on the way, child of God!** Jeremiah 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

2) ...note how we can fight through, how we can be determined despite these forces.

3) ...what I have done for others I can do for you! What words to remember for our daily lives!

4) Psalms 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

destroyer, the disease deliverer and the death
defeater! Like the old song says He may
not come when you want Him but He'll be there
right on time! Don't discount that wayward kid
that hopeless friend, the devastating marriage P

III. Be Determined in Overcome Hindrances

I get the sense that in vs. 35 they are beginning
to be outside forces that are trying to hinder any
further progress. Faithless doubting forces. Not how?

A. Remember His Words of Encouragement (v536)

Jesus in vs 36 overheard what was said. I'm
sure he saw the anguish and pain on the father's
face! Can off any one ever said the right thing
at the right time is was Jesus. All hope was
gone, and with five words Jesus floods

this man's heart with enough hope to continue
on! Be not afraid, Only believe! I trust me Jairus
Look at this woman. She's been suffering as long
as your daughter been alive. What did you forget? B v537a

B. Renounce The Ridicule Encountered

Read vs 37-40a - They laughed. They
laughed him to scorn, ridicule.
She's dead Jesus. Do we have to spell it?
D-e-a-d, Jairus probably thought this is

crazy. People are laughing at me in
my own home! But the words... caused
him to renounce, put away disregard the
scorn and take the problem straight to Jesus!
It's over! They're gone! We can't do anything C

IV. Be Dependent On An Almighty Hand

Oh I can't stress this enough trust God with the impossible. ED Baller - clin I rushing to the unseen hand that leads me thru ^{while you} trust ^{me}.

A. Go Shut Out The Scoffers (Vs 40b)

Jesus, shut the door of the scoffers
It just Jesus, some disciples, mom Dad are
a hopeless case. Shut the world out, square
off alone w/God in a prayer closet,绝望

B. Give Sway to the Saviors (Vs 40c-4d)

He put the scoffers out, He took the Father
and the disciples, he brought them in the
room. He took her hand... Don't try to
direct God! No touch her forehead, the Prophets here

C. Give Celebration to the Sovereign (Vs 43a)

There was a specific reason, Vs 19. Jesus
told Demonic tell Everybody "Jairus tell
no one" Jairus had more pull: ruler of syn. They
would have made him King! Not even but cross, But now

D. Give Sustenance to the Subject (Vs 43)

What tenderness the Lord Jesus has! Feed
this child. Give Sustenance to this miracle.
I guarantee you this father treasured this
daughter even more. When God meets the need feed

V. Closing - Some of you are facing hopeless situations. Remember his words Be not Afraid, Only Believe. Come to Him today Some facing a hopeless eternity in Hell! Come to him! Receive Christ today!

- 1) ...desperation...God you are the only one that can change any thing about this hopeless situation. I'm not going to listen to the world the flesh the devil! I'm putting all my eggs in your basket!
- 2) ...the problems here Lord. This is what needs to be corrected! No yield to Him. Give him full sway. Let Him work in the situation. Most of the time we are to busy directing the situation, that he can't work in it!
- 3) We can celebrate the miracles things that God does in our lives! Lady at the braves game. Loud yet losing by 12. Everybody knew what side she was on!